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POLES CONSOLIDATE PARAMILITARY ORGANIZATIONS -- Szczecin, Kurier Szczecinski, 8 May 53

The LPZ (Liga Przyjaciol Zolnierza, League of Friends of Servicemen), the LL (Liga Lotnicza, Air League), and the LM (Liga Morska, Maritime League) are to be merged into one organization to be known as LPZ.

On 10 May 1953, the National Merger Conference (Krajowa Konferencja Zjednoczeniowa) is to take place at the central hall of TPP-R (Towarzystwo Przyjazni Polsko-Radzieckiej, Society for Polish-Soviet Friendship) in Warsaw, where the resolution to merge is to be considered and the heads of the new organization are to be chosen.

PURPOSE OF MERGER AND TASKS OF NEW LPZ -- Warsaw, Trybuna Ludu, 19 May 53

The merger of the LPZ, LL, and LM took place at the National Merger Conference. The new LPZ which resulted from this conference will not only continue the former activities of all these organizations but will expand them as well. Formerly, these three organizations carried on many of the same types of activities. This reorganization will eliminate such duplications and will consolidate efforts. The merger will unite the social centers, will introduce a unified organization of work, will better utilize the social activists and cadres, will introduce economy in management, and will set up a unified system of control.

This merger will also raise the level of organizational and propaganda indoctrination by combining the units which carried on these activities. Political indoctrination will also be more unified.

Through such a massive organization, the new LPZ will be able to reach larger numbers of the Polish working masses, especially the worker-peasant youth.

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The LPZ is to be based upon the experiences of the DOSAAF (Dobrovol'noye Obshchestvo Sodeystviya Armii, Aviatsii, i Flota, Volunteer Society for Cooperation With the Army, Air Force, and Navy) organization of the Soviet Union.

The LPZ will also coordinate more closely with the ZMP (Zwiazek Mlodziezy Polskiej, Union of Polish Youth) and will reach the Polish youth who are interested in acquiring military, military-technical, air, and maritime knowledge. Through the ZMP, the LPZ will be able to recruit the worker youth, and with the help of the PO SP (Powszechna Organizacja, Sluzba Polsce, Universal Organization, Service to Poland), the rural youth. In its indoctrination, propaganda, and organizational work, the LPZ will benefit continuously from ZMP's help.

A special task of the LPZ will be to develop love for the People's Army among the people. The LPZ will indoctrinate, on the importance of military service, not only the youth who have not yet been conscripted but also the reservists in the LPZ. It also will develop creative abilities and will increase military qualifications so that members are prepared at all times to defend Poland. -- Brig Gen Jozef Turski, Chairman of the Main Administration of LPZ

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